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REMARKS

In this Amendment Under Rule 312, Applicants are respectfully requesting that the Primary Examiner (and/or his SPE) implement minor changes for this application.

First, Applicants have inserted proper grant information on the first page (as the first paragraph) of the application, as required by 35 U.S.C. §202(c)(6) and 37 C.F.R. §6401.3(a) and 4.014(f)(4).

Second, information relating this application to previous applications in the family has also been included in the first page (after the line "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION").

Third, minor errors of a typographical and/or grammatical nature have been corrected on the following pages:

page 14 (lines 20-22); page 40 (line 13); page 42 (line 34); page 50 (line 18); and page 50 (line 33).

Applicants respectfully point out that the two changes above [page 42, line 34; and page 50, line 33)] were also implemented by a Certificate of Correction filed on May 25, 1990 in connection with U.S. Patent No. 4,711,955 that issued on December 8, 1987, based upon the parent application, Serial No. 06/496,515. Two other changes [page 40, line 13; and page 50, line 18], were also corrected by Applicants' Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 1.99 that was filed on June 16, 1987, also in connection with the parent application.

It is believed that the aforementioned changes to the specification will benefit the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including future examiners, as well as future readers of the general public who may come across the issued patent. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter will be introduced by any of the changes above, most of which were already accepted in connection with the parent application.

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For the reasons stated above, therefore, Applicants and their undersigned attorney respectfully request the entry of the above amendments to the specification. It is fully understood by all that these items are not a matter of right for the Applicants - and that the Primary Examiner (and/or his SPE) can refuse their entry if so deemed.

Finally, Applicants' attorney has taken the liberty of attaching as Exhibit 1° to this Amendment a set of the allowed claims, 126-130, 134-136, 142-143, 150, 152-154, 156-157, 159-183 and 185. It is respectfully requested that the attached claims (Exhibit 1) be read for the purpose of verifying their language with that in the allowed claims as maintained in the U.S. Patent Office file(s). In particular, attention to the language in claim 150 would be sincerely appreciated, and moreover, might serve to obviate the need for any future corrections.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Amendment. If any fee is due, however, The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1135.

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